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SUBJECT: ARMENIA: DEMARCHE CONCERNING DECEMBER 18 UNGA
PLENARY ON FUNDING FOR DURBAN REVIEW CONFERENCE

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Poloff contacted Armenian MFA Director for International Organizations Dziunik Aghajanian on December 17 to follow up on reftel demarche. Aghajanian appreciated post's position vis-a-vis the biased nature of the Durban conference but regretted that her government would be supporting the plenary vote because as a matter of policy it rarely ever voted "No" on budget resolutions that had already passed through the Fifth Committee. Aghajanian stated that as a small country Armenia could not afford to set the precedent of voting against budget resolutions during the plenary session as it could come back to harm Armenia financially in the future.

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